

HINT NEGRO BLOOD IN WILLIE STEVENS 'SHOCK' ATTACK ON MRS. HALL TODAY

Desperate Effort By State, Claiming Murder Witness

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SOMERSET COUNTY COURT HOUSE, SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 12.—Special Prosecutor Alexander W. Simpson today attempted to wring from the austere lips of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall the secret of who killed her husband and his choir singer by attacking the father and mother she loved and the weak-minded brother who is dearer to her than life itself.

As court reconvened this morning after the Armistice Day holiday, Simpson announced that a famous New York ethnologist would take the stand to testify whether or not Willie Stevens has negro blood; whether or not he is Frances Hall's "real brother."

There are two reasons for this dramatic step in the trial of Mrs. Hall and Willie and Henry Stevens, all of whom are charged with the murders four years ago of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

To Fit "Pig Woman's" Impression First, Simpson was preparing for the testimony of Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," who originally asserted that one of the men she saw in De Russeys Lane on the night of September 14, 1922, looked like a negro.



Alex. Simpson



E. H. Schwartz

Secondly—and to those who have followed the canny showmanship of the fiery prosecutor, it is the real reason—Simpson believes he will shatter the unemotional mask under which Mrs. Hall hides by the ethnologist's testimony.

Simpson hopes that if the expert makes the charge of colored blood against Willie, the clergyman's widow will be so shaken that a confession of murder will follow.

Such a thought may seem preposterous, when it is remembered how well Mrs. Hall has maintained

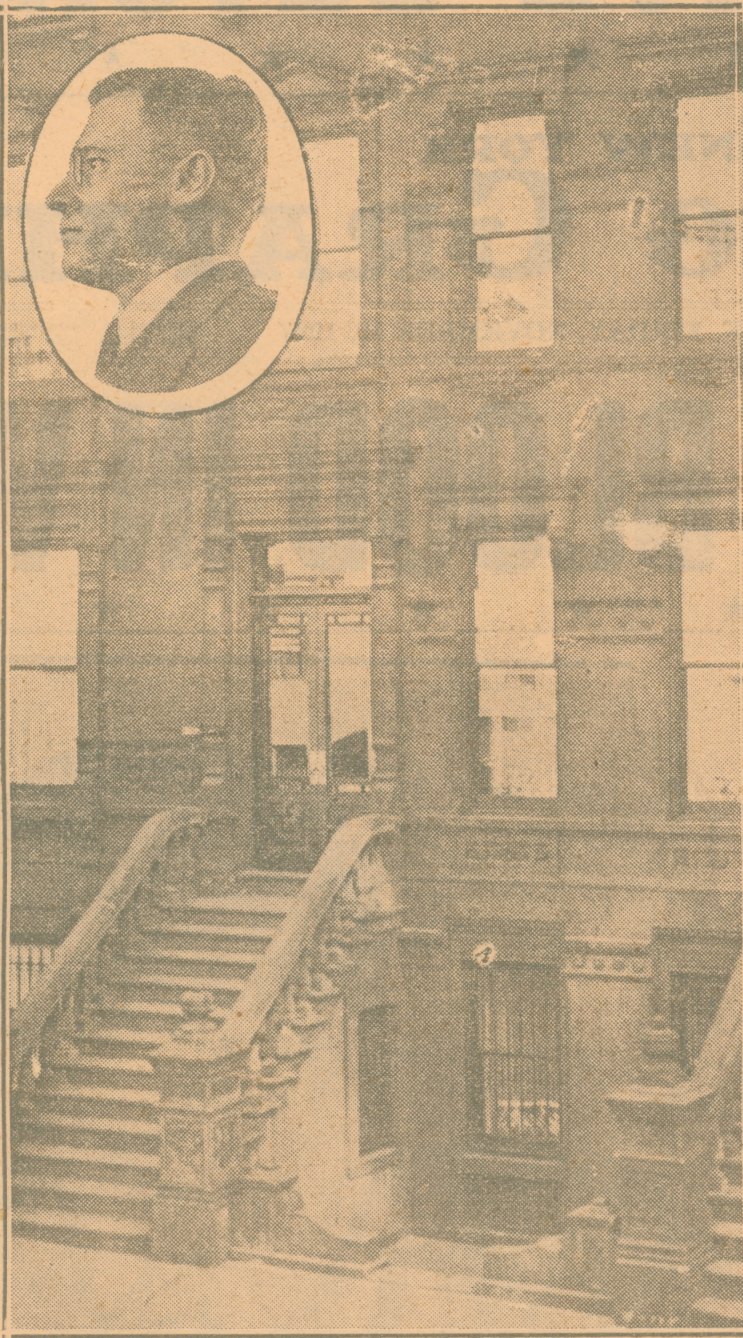
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Faces 'Negroid' Charge



WILLIE STEVENS

Investigate Hospital



THE BOARD OF HEALTH is investigating the hospital at 114 West 71st St., which figured in the inquiry started after Mrs. Annie Allison of Brooklyn died in 1923. Dr. Henry L. Green, alias Mottard (inset), was indicted for first-degree manslaughter at that time, and the present inquiry may bring him into the limelight again.

Health Officials to Probe Private Uptown Hospital

The hospital at 114 West 71st St., supposedly operated by Dr. A. C. Mottard, today faces a rigid investigation by the Board of Health. Dr. Dana S. Hubbard, head of the Medical Practice Division, is conducting the inquiry.

1,500 Hotel Men Attend Fortieth Annual Dinner

More than 1,500 hotel men and chefs from this country, Canada and the leading cities in Europe attended the fortieth annual dinner of the New York State Hotel Association held in the Hotel Commodore last night. Mayor Walker was present and welcomed the guests.

Elmore C. Green, president of the association, was toastmaster. The speakers included H. D. Cunningham, former justice of the New York Court of Claims, and Edward Ford.

Activities at the National Hotel Exposition in the Grand Central Palace were suspended last night so that visiting hotel men might attend the dinner. The exposition

will be open for a complete session from noon until 10.30 p. m. today. The exhibition will end tomorrow at 6 p. m.

For ten years the hospital has been subject to desultory observation because of a series of complaints in reference to surgical operations performed there. After the death of Mrs. Annie Allison of Brooklyn in September, 1923, the hospital was investigated.

At that time an indictment for manslaughter in the first degree was found against Dr. Henry L. Green, alias Mottard, who was charged with the woman's death following an illegal operation. Green is still under indictment, but persistent reports from the office of the district attorney indicate that the charges will be dropped because of insufficient evidence.

Dr. Hubbard may involve Green in his new inquiry if such action is considered important enough, it was said at the Board of Health offices today.

Much Married Sheik Gets 5-Year Prison Sentence

Kaistas Klimas will not play the role of heart breaking sheik any more—at least not in the next five years, which he will spend in the Atlanta Penitentiary to which he was sentenced yesterday by Federal Judge Moscowwitz in Brooklyn for using the mails to defraud.

Klimas was found guilty on the testimony of Mrs. Anna Pupadokus of 264 Perry St., Brooklyn, a widow with two children, whom he married June 16 last, and Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham, who arrested him October 14 last at Boston, Mass., where Klimas had married another wife.

Mrs. Pupadokus testified she became acquainted with Klimas through a matrimonial advertisement in a Lithuanian newspaper. He said he was "looking for a friend for life," and that he had a beautiful home in Florida. She said Klimas got her savings of \$2,000 after they were married. He then disappeared and was never seen again by Mrs. Pupadokus until he was arrested and arraigned in court.

Post Office Inspector Graham testified Klimas told him he had lost the money in the subway just as he was about to leave town.

Klimas said he married two women only besides Mrs. Pupadokus, but got no money from them. He said he was drunk at the time he married them and couldn't remember their names, but that one resides in Boston and the other in Baltimore.

The prosecution at the time of Klimas's arrest asserted he had married four women in addition to his Brooklyn wife and had got from them more than \$11,000.

Adverse Report Hinted on Wallis City Prison Policy

Upon the return of Mayor Walker from Philadelphia and the Sesqui celebration tomorrow he will confer with Frederick A. Wallis, commissioner of correction, on the report of Commissioner of Accounts Warren of his investigation of the Tombs outbreak last week, which resulted in the deaths of three prisoners, a keeper and the warden.

It is understood that the Warren report is an indictment of Wallis's administration of the city prisons.



F. A. Wallis

Mayor Launches Action to End Grade Crossings

Mayor Walker has taken personal charge of the campaign for the elimination of Long Island Railroad grade crossings. The mayor ordered the appointment of engineers by each city agency involved at a conference in City Hall. The engineers will examine the grade crossings in Brooklyn and Queens within the next few days.

"We want to eliminate delays," declared the mayor at the opening of the conference. "It is the purpose of the city to co-operate. Let's eliminate the idea of glory for any individual department and get things done. There'll be glory enough to go around anyway."



Mayor Walker

Fish Market Blaze Lights Waterfront

Damage of \$40,000, most of it represented by fish ready for shipment, was done by a fire which early today swept through Fulton Fish Market at South and Beekman Streets.

The blaze lighted up the downtown waterfront and was visible for miles. The building is of galvanized iron and frame. Only the third floor was affected by the fire. Two alarms were sounded.

STRIKE GUARD

Sheriff Maudlin of Westchester county has issued orders for the emergency force of deputies to guard the properties of the Westchester Lighting Company, owing to a strike of employees of the corporation.

'Daddy' Denies \$250,000 Settlement on Peaches

Daddy Browning simply won't be a Santa Claus for Peaches.

The millionaire Cinderella man made this plain today in denying a published report that negotiations are under way for a \$250,000 settlement of his young wife's separation suit.

"It is astounding nonsense," Browning told The GRAPHIC. "The first I ever heard of the thing was when a friend called my attention to it. You can tell the world I'm going through with this suit. There never has been and there never will be any talk of a settlement, as far as I am concerned."

Peaches Presses Claim

In the meantime Peaches is preparing to press her claim for \$25,000 counsel fees and \$4,000 monthly alimony, pending trial of her action. Argument on this application takes place Monday before

Justice Morschauer in Westchester Supreme Court at White Plains. At the same time the court will consider Browning's motion to have his liability fixed before the case is tried.

Over the week-end Peaches must forego any more shopping tours, at least as far as having the bills sent to her wealthy husband is concerned. Justice Morschauer, in adjourning the hearing until Monday, instructed counsel for the plaintiff that there were to be "no more new hats, coats or dresses."